

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application No.: 10/651,851                      Confirmation No.: 8124  
Applicant(s): Richard CARTLEDGE et al.  
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Examiner: Thomas Sweet  
Title: METHODS FOR CONTROLLING THE INTERNAL CIRCUMFERENCE  
OF AN ANATOMIC ORIFICE OR LUMEN  
Docket No.: 28099-0005  
Customer No.: 24633

**Mail Stop Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents  
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**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 18, 2007, Applicants respectfully request amendment of the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper; and

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.

Applicants submit that the present application now stands in condition for allowance and respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of all claims in view of the following amendment and remarks.